ices posted in Railway Board's office is governed by following tenure rules:-

Deputy Directors	-3 Years
Joint Directors	-4 Years
Directors/Executive Directors	-5 Years

The above tenure rules are normally adhered to except in a few cases where the tenure is extended in the exigencies of service. Promotion is made in terms of the extant rules.

(b) to (e). Transfer, on completion of tenure is under consideration in respect of four Executive Directors/Directors. Officers are not necessarily transferred on promotion.

[*Translation*]

Closing of Halts at Saharanpur – Delhi Route

5383. SHRI RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are incurring losses on all the passenger trains on Saharanpur–Delhi route via Shamli–Shahadra railway line, if so, the reasons thereof;

(b) whether it is proposed to close down some railway stations and halts on this route;

(c) if so, the names of such stations and the time by which these are proposed to be closed;

(d) whether the Government propose to run these passenger trains in day time and the goods trains in night time ; and

(e) if so, when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No specific study to ascertain profitability of passenger trains alone on Shamli-Shahdara section has been conducted.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) There is proposal to close Nusratabad Kharkhari, Ahera, Baoli, Bhudpur. Khandrawali, Gujran Balwa, Silawar, Sona Arjunpur and Bhankla on this, route, However, no time limit for their closure has been fixed.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Air Agreement with Pakistan

5384. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any bilateral agreement has been signed between India and Pakistan for operation of air services between both the countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM(SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir . Bilateral Air Services Agreement between India and Pakistan was signed on 16th July, 1976. Air talks were held recently between the two countries from 10th to 13th June, 1991 only to review the capacity provided on various routes between the two countries.

[*Translation*]

Power supply to Andhra Pradesh

5385. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state: